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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division and (8) others, under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Dropped further action besides recovery of Government loss of Rs.30,000/- from the pensionary benefits – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.9 **Dated:09.02.2023**

Read the following:

1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Ref.No.9187/2003/K1, dated 26.04.2013.
2) Memo.No.4333/For.IV/A1/2013-3, EFS&T (For.IV) Dept., dated 06.01.2014.
3) From Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer (Retd.), Representation, dated 15.09.2022.
4) Letter.No.4333/Sec.IV/A1/2013, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 23.12.2022.
5) From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, Lr.GAD03-APPS0DCC/9/2023/DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.1961858), dated 30.01.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram (T) Division by the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle in Ref.No.4055/2003/M8, dated 03.03.2004, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

> **Article**:"That the said Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, while working as Dy. Range Officer, in Bobbili Section of Parvathipuram Range had exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and charged un-necessary expenditure of Rs.2,75,419/- for the A.P.F.P, RIDF–V and E.A.S. works during 1998-99 to 2001-02 on coppicing, pruning and Multiple shoot cutting operations in the year of raising and also for maintenance of Plantation resulted in unnecessary expenditure to a tune of Rs.2,75,419/- to the Government exchequer and thereby contravened Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964".

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 27.03.2004 and submitted his explanation, dated 27.04.2004. The Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle has appointed the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram Division as Inquiry Officer and the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram as Presenting Officer in Ref.No.4055/2003/M8 (i&ii), dated 22.05.2006, for conducting the regular inquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram Division has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings along with connected case records in Rc.No.1647/2003/S3, dated 14.06.2008 wherein, the Inquiry Officer

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has concluded that the charge framed against Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer is **not proved**. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that as per the report of the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, the Charged Officer is liable for recovery of an amount of Rs.30,000/- from his pensionary benefits.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on the 31.12.2007. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to drop further action against Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Dy. RO and to recover the unnecessary expenditure of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) from the pensionary benefits of Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Memo., 2nd read above a Show-cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Show-cause Notice and submitted his explanation on 15.09.2022 wherein, he has expressed his willingness for the recovery of Rs.30,000/- from his pensionary benefits.

6. After careful examination of the entire issue, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision to drop further action against Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Dy. RO duly recovering the unnecessary expenditure of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) from the pensionary benefits of Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. In the reference 4th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has been consulted in the matter; and in the letter 5th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has informed that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to drop further action and to recover unnecessary expenditure of Rs.30,000/- from Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division.

8. After careful examination of the entire matter, the Government hereby order to drop further action and recover Government loss of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) from the pensionary benefits of Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The OSD to M (Energy, EFS&T, Mines & Geology).
The PS to the Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

S. Rajamani
SECTION OFFICER